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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

IPC(6) : C12P 19/26; C12N 1/00, 1/21  
US CL : 435/84; 252.3, 252.33, 254.11

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	McKNIGHT et al. Molecular cloning, cDNA Sequence, and Bacterial Expression of Human Glutamine:Fructose-6-phosphate Amidotransferase. Journal of Biological Chemistry. 15 December 1992, Vol. 267, No. 30, pages 25206-25212, especially figure 5.	22, 27-29, 34, 36-38, 1-4, 14-16, 18-19, 21
X	FERNANDEZ-HERRERO et al. glmS of Thermus thermophilus HB8: an essential gene for cell-wall synthesis identified immediately upstream of the S-layer gene. Molecular Microbiology. 1995, Vol. 17, No. 1, pages 1-12, especially figure 7.	22, 27-29
X	DUTKA-MALEN et al. Molecular cloning and overexpression of the glucosamine synthetase gene from Escherchia coli. Biochimie. 1988, Vol 70, pages 287-290, entire document	22, 27-29

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## C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	MARIE et al. Rhizobium leguminosarum has two glucosamine synthases, GlmS and NodM, required for nodulation and development of nitrogen-fixing nodules. Molecular Microbiology. 1992, Vol. 6, No. 7, pages 843-851, entire document.	22, 23, 27-29

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